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ELECTIONS ARE HELD FOR CLASS OFFICERS

The class elections of the Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores, have all taken place. The results of the three elections are:

Senior Class Officers
President—Sara Callison.
Vice-Pres.—Mary Lee Shepherd.
Secretary—Virginia Hodgson.
Treasurer—Isabelle North.

Junior Class Officers
President—Katyne Blaker.
Vice-Pres.—Gwendolyn Olcott.
Secretary—Alice Blake.
Treasurer—Mary D. Lyon.

Sophomore Class Officers
President—Elizabeth Greer.
Vice-Pres.—Dorothy Boyle.
Secretary—Jane Muhlberg.
Treasurer—Mary L. Carlson.

The song leaders who were elected are:

Senior—Lisa Guigon.
Junior—Helen Mathews.
Sophomore—Dorothy Ayres.

New Members Of Faculty Introduced In Convocation

With the opening Convocation on Thursday, September 20th, Sweet Briar College officially entered upon a new year of work. As is the custom, Miss Glass introduced new members of the Faculty to the students.

Miss Eugenie M. Morenus comes back to the college after a year's absence in England, as a Fellow of the American Association of University Women doing research at Cambridge University, to resume her work as professor of Mathematics.

Three members of the faculty are on leave for this year. Miss M. Dee Long, associate professor of English, will spend this winter in New York City where she will do graduate work in her subject at Columbia University. To replace Miss Long the college has secured Miss Jean Pauline Smith, formerly of Stillwater, Minnesota, and now of New York City, to assist in the department of English this year. Miss Smith is an A.B. of California University, and holds her Master's degree from Stanford University. She has taught for several years, primarily at Goucher College, New York University, and Hunter College.

Mrs. Dora Neill Raymond, associate professor of History, is granted a leave for this year to make a trip around the world. This vacancy is filled by the appointment of Dr. Lois Oliphant Gibbons, of Philadelphia and Ithaca. Miss Gibbons is an A. B. of the University of Michigan, M. A. of the University of Pennsylvania, and Ph. D. of Cornell University.

Miss Gladys Dickason, instructor in Economics and Sociology, will spend this winter at Columbia University completing the requirements for her doctor's degree. In her absence for one year Miss Winifred

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International Relations Club Holds Meeting

The International Relations Society held its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, October 2. The meeting was open to old members only and a program for the year was arranged.

JUNIORS ENTERTAIN FRESHMEN AT RHEA'S

On Saturday night, September the twenty-ninth, the Juniors gave to the Freshmen their welcoming party at Sweet Briar. The affair took place at Bus Rhea's, and was in the nature of a picnic party.

The spirit of the event was informal. Upon their arrival, the guests were asked to form a line which filed past the tables to be served with a sumptuous supper.

After everyone's appetite had been entirely satisfied, the crowd gathered around the front porch to enjoy the entertainment which had been planned. A quartette consisting of Ruth Keeler, Eleanor Henderson, Majorie Sturges, and Diddy Mathews sang several selections. This was followed by a tap dance by Diddy Mathews.

After the entertainment there was impromptu singing around the huge fire, which blazed merrily, in spite of a heavy downpour.

Alice Leigh planned and managed the party, and much credit is due her, and to the various committees

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Eleanor Duvall Chosen Editor Of Brambler Staff

Eleanor Duvall was last week elected Editor of the "Brambler" in place of Dorothea Paddock who was forced to resign because of ill health.

Eleanor served on the staff of the Brambler last year, and is in position to take over the editorship of that magazine. The News will miss her on its editorial staff, for due to her new capacity, she deemed it wise to drop that duty.

"Paddy" will return to college, but will not be able to enter any extra-curricular activities.

Additions To Library Are Being Made

As usual, this fall, there are a few changes and additions in the library, the first of which is the new staff, whose members are: Martha Lee, Mary Gochbauer, Kate Coe, Katherine Williams, Caroline Martindale, and Elizabeth Stevenson.

This year there will be no rental collection in the library. The Y. W. Library will have a collection of recent fiction to take its place. However the college library contains a large number of modern books.

During the summer the library bought many new books, some written recently, and some older books. The titles of a few of the most important ones follow:

Galworthy, *The Swan Song*; Eugene O'Neill *Strange Interlude*; Beer, *The Road to Heaven*; Leonard, *Two Lives*; Thomas Mann, *The Magic Mountain*; P. C. Wren, *Beau Ideal*; Stephen Benet, *John Brown's Body*; Amundsen's *Life as an Explorer*; Hallenbeck, *Spanish Missions of the Old Southwest*; Richardson and Eberlein, *The English Inn, Past and Present*; Vernon Louis Parrington, *Main Currents in American Thought*; Walter Damrosch, *My Musical Life*; William Starr Myers, *History of the Republican Party*; Frank R. Kent, *The Democratic Party, a History*; *The Plays of Benavente*; New volumes of the *English men of Letters Series*—Anthony Trollope; Horace Wallpole.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCT. 4.
12:00 M.—Convocation—Miss Morenus.
12:30 p. m.—Sweet Briar Day at Amherst Fair.
7:00 p. m.—Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, OCT. 5.
12:00 M.—Chapel—Mrs. Mull.
8:00 p. m.—First Class Teams in Hockey—1928 vs. 1931; 1930 vs. 1932.

SATURDAY, OCT. 6.
SUNDAY, OCT. 7.
11:00 a. m.—Prof. Harvie Branscomb of Duke University, Durham, N. C.
12:15 M.—Church Meeting.
7:00 p. m.—Y. W. C. A. Service.

SUNDAY, OCT. 8.
7:30 p. m.—Glee Club.

TUESDAY, OCT. 9.
7:00 p. m.—Freshman Instruction.
7:30 p. m.—Tau Phi Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10.
4:30 p. m.—Orchestra Rehearsal.

New Voters League Hold First Meeting Of Year

The New Voters' League held its first meeting of the year on Wednesday afternoon, September 26th. Twenty-eight members and Dr. Raymond, honorary member, were present.

The program included a talk on "Women's New Power," by Anne Perry Neale, a report by Cynthia Tanner, of the Democratic National Convention which was held at Houston, Texas, this summer, and a report of the "Institute of Public Affairs," which took place at Charlottesville last August, by Mary Archer Bean.

Meredith Oakford invited all members of the League to hear the election returns over her radio on the night of November 6th.

The League will have a meeting on the second Tuesday of every month and anyone in college, regardless of age, is welcome to membership in the League.

Mr. Martin Gives Monday Evening Organ Program

Mr. Martin gave his usual Monday evening recital in the Chapel, October 1st. His program was as follows:

Choral in A Minor—C. Frank.
Choral Prelude, "Eventide."
—C. H. Parry.
Finale Sonata, "The Twenty-fourth Psalm."—Reubke.

This week's edition of *The News* is being sent by The News to every alumna of Sweet Briar, in consideration of the esteem which every Sweet Briar student feels for our president emeritus.



MISS McVEA

DR. EMILIE W. McVEA DIES THIS SUMMER

Dr. Emilie Watts McVea, president emerita of Sweet Briar College, and a nationally-known figure in educational circles, died in Cincinnati, Ohio, on July 26th, after an illness of several weeks.

Dr. McVea was born in Clinton, La. Feb. 17, 1867, the daughter of Judge John and Emilie Rose Watts McVea. She was graduated from St. Mary's School where later she was teacher and principal. She studied at Cornell, and received her A. B. and A. M. degrees from George Washington University. For a year she was instructor in English at the University of Tennessee, and for seven years was associate professor of English and dean of women at the University of Cincinnati, which conferred on her the degree of Litt. D.

She was president of Sweet Briar College, from 1916 to 1925, at which time she resigned on account of ill health, and was made president emerita.

While at Sweet Briar Miss McVea was keenly interested not only in college and educational matters, but in the community as well, and had many friends in Amherst County and in Lynchburg. She established the custom of holding "Amherst County Day" at the college, and was a member of the Amherst Council of Safety in 1917, and a lecturer for the National Y. W. C. A. and Federal Food Administration during the World War. Retiring from the presidency of Sweet Briar, Miss McVea afterward taught English at Rollins College in Florida.

She held other useful and influential offices as secretary and treasurer of the Southern Association of College women, president of the Cincinnati Woman's Club, member of the Virginia State Board of Charities and Corrections, and member of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia, the first woman to invade that body.

Dr. Hamilton Holt, President of Rollins College, said, upon the death of Miss McVea, "Dr. McVea's rare personality as a teacher, and her literary gifts won the universal praise of the students who were privileged to come under the magic of her personality. Everyone who has come under the influence of her character will bear testimony to the fact that few women have so happily combined high intellectual attainments, executive ability, maral poise, and personal charm, as she did. She was truly a great teacher and a great woman, endowed with the genius of inspiring young people."

TAU PHI ANNOUNCES THIRTEEN INITIATES

This year's initiates to Tau Phi were announced at Step Singing on Sunday afternoon, September 30th, by Lisa Guigon, president of Tau Phi.

The Seniors who received the coveted bids were: Mary Shelton, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Gertrude Prior, Trenton, N. J.; Sara Callison, Lafayette, Ind.; Huldah Williams, Richmond, Va.; Elizabeth Lee Valentine, Richmond, Va.; and Anna Torian, Indianapolis, Ind.

Those chosen from the Junior class included: Katyne Blaker, Trenton, N. J.; Jane Callison, Lafayette, Ind.; Mona Stone, Houghton, Mich.; Norvell Royer, Richmond, Va.; Gwendolyn Olcott, Nyack, N. Y.; Helen Mathews, Charleston, W. Va.; Sally Renhard, Indianapolis, Ind.

Lisa in an explanation before presenting the bids, said: "Tau Phi affiliates those upper-classmen who are prominent in the broader field of college life and who are deeply interested in the arts and sciences. It aims to further this interest and to recognize individual effort and thought. We have tried to choose girls who combine academic excellence with extra-curricular activity; the girls with the highest kind of love for Sweet Briar, those who have given and will give of themselves, of their talent, and ability to the college."

In step-singing, the usual procedure was followed, the Seniors on the Golden Stairs taking the lead and the rest of the classes following them in order. At the conclusion of the meeting the Sweet Briar song was sung in unison.

Sweet Briar Day to be Feature of Amherst Fair

Sweet Briar Day at the Amherst Fair is Thursday, October 4th. This is held at the Amherst Fair Grounds. The Horse Show will be of major interest.

There are going to be six different events in which Sweet Briar girls will ride and show their skill as equestriennes. These events are:

- 1.—Best horse shown under saddle.
2. Green Hunters.
3. Best horse shown with halter.
4. Hunt teams—outside course.
5. Best Rider.
6. Ride to Jericho.

The managers are hoping that there will be a record crowd this year. An open invitation is extended to come and enjoy the riding and the Fair, which promises to be bigger and better than ever.

To those who have never been to the Fair it is perhaps enough to mention the merry-go-round, the numerous games of chance, the tin-types, the side shows, and best of all, the Horse Show.

Glee Club Begins Try-Outs For New Members

Try-outs for the Glee Club began Monday afternoon, and bids to the new members will be announced in the next Student Government meeting. The Glee Club takes this opportunity to welcome all those we accepted. To those whom we were unable to accept we wish to express our thanks and encourage them to try out another year.

The Glee Club will hold its first meeting on Monday, September 8th. Signed: LISA GUIGON.

Athletic Notes

Hockey Training Begins

Training tables for the hockey team began last Tuesday. The people sitting at these tables are Hulah Williams, Gwen Olcott, Patsy Jones, Betty Boone, Natalie Sildman, Mona Stone, Polly Swift, Ethel Ware, Hallet Gubelman, Gert Prior, Caroline Martindale, Mercer Jackson, Gertrude Lewis, Helen Crane. Gertrude Lewis has been appointed assistant to Mona Stone, head of hockey.

The William and Mary game will be played at Sweet Briar on November 10th. Sweet Briar plays at Westhampton on November 24th. First class team games are to be played on Friday, October 10th. Seniors vs. Sophomores, and Juniors vs. Freshmen.

The second team games will be played soon.

Agnes Sproul has been elected Captain of the Junior first team.

Mona Stone, head of hockey, said: "We want every girl who is at all interested in the game to come out to practice, even though she may think that she does not have the ability to make a first team. All upper-classmen who can't take advantage of required class periods can come at four on Monday and Wednesday."

Tennis.

In spite of the cold weather and mediocre condition of the tennis courts a number of students have been playing.

Twelve Freshmen signed up for the Tournament, of which the first round will be played off this week. The other class ladders have been posted and it is hoped that more interest will be shown by those on the ladders. Challenge the ones above you and start playing now!

Archery.

The Archery season is once more in full swing. Already the tournament has been scheduled for the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. It is hoped that many will shoot in this match, and to be really in trim regular practice is necessary.

Eleanor Duvall, the Head of Archery, has announced that there will be practice periods at two o'clock every Monday afternoon, and at one o'clock every Friday on the field behind field.

Some new equipment has been bought this fall. There are four new bows and four target faces.

New Riding Leaders Appointed This Fall.

Four new Riding Leaders have been appointed this fall. They are: Natalie Roberts, Josephine Gibbs, Louise Nelson, and Frances O'Brian. From now on up to the Christmas holidays the Riding Leaders' horse will be reserved.

A list of the Leaders for each day is posted on the Athletic Bulletin Board, and those needing a Leader to ride with them should consult this list.

Many girls are riding this year. The Seniors seem to be out in full force, and about fifteen Freshmen are also riding.

La Crosse.

La Crosse, one of the newer sports at Sweet Briar, is certainly proving its popularity by the numbers enrolled in its classes and by the others coming out for fun.

After a bit more practice and learning, Sophomore and Freshmen teams will be organized and games will start full tilt. It is wished that the Juniors and Seniors would come out, too, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at three o'clock for practice separate or in a combined team, to make things even more lively.

Come out everybody, Freshmen to Seniors and take part in this Indian and therefore truly American game. You won't break your necks or heads! If you know how to play, come help us; if you don't, learn and help, too.

Hiking.

The interest that people are showing in hiking this year is splendid. There have been several short very well attended hikes so far. There will probably be long ones through the year, to High Peak and the Blackwell's camp, as well as shorter more frequent ones under the newly elected leaders: Martha Lee, Alice Blake, Agnes Sproul, Betty, Mrs. Crady, Ethel Ware, Elizabeth McCas, Frances O'Brian, Virginia Quintard, Elizabeth Maner, Mary K. Pope.

The people going on these hikes get a certain number of points, but the general purpose of organized hiking is rather for the pleasure of it than for these points.

Gwen Olcott Elected Vice-president of A. A.

In the election held today to elect a new Vice President of the Athletic Association, Gwen Olcott came out victorious.

Last year Mona Stone was elected to that position, but when it became necessary to have a new Head of Hockey, she resigned to fill that position.

Gwen was Head of Hiking last year, and was on the varsity Hockey team.

The other nominees were Natalie Sildman, and Betty Boone.

Are Bricks Just Bricks?

Various opinions have been given as to the purpose of the bricks which are on exhibit on the campus between Fletcher and Academic.

They have been placed there so connoisseurs on the subject may select the kind that will blend most perfectly with the other beautiful Georgian buildings on our campus.

Groups of students and faculty members may be seen daily discussing these bricks, and an important question is, for the bricks chosen will be material for the new library to be started in December.

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Sunday Evening Services To Be Held in Chapel.

A new experiment is being made by the Y. W. C. A. of holding Chapel services on Sunday night. This has been suggested many times and last Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock the first service was held by Miss Kay Norris.

These meetings should be well attended and should prove to fill a long felt want for Sunday-evening prayer.

Mrs. Wills Now Has Jap Alley Coffee Shop.

Mrs. Wills, in Amherst, has now besides the Tea Room in her own home, a little place called the Jap Alley Coffee Shop.

This little establishment is in the center of the town, covering a space six feet wide and about twenty feet long, between two other buildings.

She serves hot dogs, sandwiches, light lunches and all manner of things to drink, and the prices are a deal cheaper than "up town."

Sensus Shows College Claims 441 Students

The 1928-29 census states that Sweet Briar College has a population of 441 students, according to Mrs. Lilly, the new Registrar. This census does not include late arrivals, nor is it final, because until Founders' Day, girls may be leaving as well as entering.

170 students entered Sweet Briar this fall, either as Freshmen or as advanced students, as to census work after prolonged absences. More complete statistics, giving geographical distribution and class proportion will be published later.

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New Members of Faculty Introduced in Convocation

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First, an A. B. of Carleton College, and a graduate student of The Robert Brookings Graduate School of Economics and Government in Washington, comes to assist in that department.

Miss Grace B. Lewis, of the administrative staff, is also on leave for this year.

There are several additions being made to the faculty this year. Mr. William H. Edwards, of Ohio, comes as associate professor of Political Science. Mr. Edwards has his A. B. and his A. M. from Ohio State University, and has done graduate work at University of Minnesota and the Brookings Graduate School of Economics and Government. He has taught for the past three years at the University of North Dakota.

Miss Marien J. Benedict of Tarrytown, N. Y., comes as associate professor of Biblical Literature, and will be associated with Miss M. E. J. Casarmoka. Miss Benedict is an A. B. of Barnard College, holds her A. M. and Ph. D. from Columbia, and her B. D. from Union Theological Seminary. Her teaching experience heretofore was at Vassar College.

Three new instructors have been added to strengthen the work in the departments of English, Latin, Greek, and Physics. Miss Ethel Ramage of Gulfport, Mississippi, an A. B. of Barnard College, and an A. M. of Columbia, bring the staff of the department of English to six persons. Miss Mary J. Peal of Ann Arbor, Michigan, will assist in the department of Latin and Greek. She completed her undergraduate work at the University of Toronto, holds her A. M. from the University of Michigan, and has spent three years in Rome in study and research work. Miss Emma Leinbach, of Reading, Penna., will assist in the department of Physics. She is an A. B. of Syracuse University and has had one year of teaching experience.

Among the replacements is Dr. Josephine de Boer, associate professor of Romance Languages, succeeding Dr. Frances B. Russell. Miss de Boer is an A. B. of Columbia University, holds her A. M. from the University of Minnesota, and her Ph. D. from Johns Hopkins. She has spent a year at the Sorbonne and College de France, has travelled in Italy where she did research work in Rome and Florence, and has done research work in various libraries in Spain. Her teaching experience includes Hibbing Junior College, the University of Minnesota, the University of Pennsylvania, Vassar College, and Greenbrier College.

To replace Miss Lewis, Mrs. Bernice D. Lill has been secured. Mrs. Lill is an A. B. of Wellesley College, and was for six years in the Admissions Office at Wellesley.

Miss Helen Louise Badger, a graduate of the Central School of Hygiene and Physical Education, succeeds Miss Milley Milliken as a student assistant in the department of Physical Education.

Members Are Chosen

For Informal Society.

On Sunday night the Chung Mung's asked the following girls to join their ranks: Belle Brock, Catherine, Josephine Klutz, Peg Bushey, Evelyn Ballard, Josephine Tatman, Merry Curtis, Mary Moss, Harriett Williams, Alice Tucker Jones, Eleanor Henderson, Mercer Jackson, Patsy Jones and Elizabeth Thomason. The Chung Mung president this year is Polly McDiarmid.

Boxwood Inn-terests

Parents have been chief guests at the Inn during the first two weeks of school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clary, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. John G. Hux and daughter Lealie, Princeton, N. J.; Mrs. L. W. Haynes, Detroit; Mrs. Arthur J. Edwards, Montclair, N. J.; Mrs. H. M. Henderson, Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. B. S. Ward, Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. Charles Page, Sand Springs, Okla.; Mrs. F. G. Arthur, Douglas, Arizona; were among those who accompanied daughters to Sweet Briar at the beginning of school.

During the past week Mrs. C. T. Ayres, Montclair, N. J., spent a few days with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Gracey stopped off a day to visit their daughter, Sara Bright, while en route to their home in Augusta, Ga., from New York.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Quintard visited their daughter, Virginia, over one night.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas and daughter, Adeline, spent five days visiting Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Manning and son, William, returned to their home in Fort Worth, Texas, Thursday after motoring to Sweet Briar to enter their daughter, Claire.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Bennett and son, Cyrus, of Short Hills, N. J., are spending a few days with their niece, Josephus Gibbs.

The only permanent resident in the Inn this year is William H. Edwards, Washington, Court House, Ohio, who is associate professor of Political Science.

Infirmary Note.

Gertrude Buisst going down the outside stone steps to the Gymnasium caught her heel and fell, cutting a gash in the forehead. She was brought unconscious to the infirmary where four stitches had to be taken.

Dinner and Fashion Show Given By Millner's

Sweet Briar was entertained by Millner's Tuesday evening with a fashion show and dinner. The invitation was extended to each class president and twelve members of each class who were asked by them. This entertainment has been offered to Sweet Briar annually and is now a popularly anticipated event. This year the dinner was served at six-thirty and followed by a presentation of fall fashions.

Vote For President May Be Cast in Amherst

All those who are interested in voting this year for either presidential nominee may do so in Amherst.

The only requirements for voting are that applicants must be 21 years of age; they must have lived in Amherst County for 6 months; they must register in Mrs. Wallis office back of the Court House, by October 6th, and they must pay a certain poll tax, according to age.

Election Day is November 6th, and if registered, everyone may vote at that time in front of the Court House at Amherst.

Paul Whitman To Play In Lynchburg Soon

The Lynchburg Junior Welfare League is sponsoring a concert to be given by Paul Whitman and his orchestra. It will be at the Academy of Music the evening of October ninth at eight-thirty o'clock.

Student Government Posts Nominees For Treasurer

The list of the nominees for treasurer of Student government has been posted on the bulletin board. The nominees are Alice Blake, Harriett Williams, Merry Curtis, Betty Boone, Mercer Jackson, and Emma Riely.

The election was made necessary by the resignation of Mary Stone who last spring was elected to the office. Votes are being taken in Grey Parlor today, by the system of preferential ballot.

Y. W. C. A. Library Is Open For The Year

The Y. W. C. A. Library will be open every night from 7:30 to 9:30. Besides containing the best fiction of the past year, the Library is constantly buying new books. "Show Girl," by McKroy, "Old Pybus," by Warwick Deeping, and "All Kneeling," by Anne Parish, are recent additions.

The Y. W. C. A. food sales of candy and crackers are to be supplemented by fruit sales.

S. B. Has New Mail Delivery

A small but interesting piece of news greets us upon arrival. There is now late afternoon mail which is put up at five o'clock. Less interesting is the reminder that all Box Rents must be paid immediately. After October fourth any persons who have not paid this rent will be put on the General Delivery list.

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